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FOR AF/W ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, OAU, LI
SUBJECT: WEEKEND WRAP-UP, LIBERIA

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE MAJOR EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE THIS WEEK:

A. SHAD TUBMAN LEFT FOR THE U.S. YESTERDAY FOR A WEEK'S VISIT. AT HIS REQUEST, WE SUPPLIED HIM WITH YOUR HOME PHONE NUMBER. BY THE WAY, HE IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO PEKING WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT.

B. I HAVE SENT A CABLE TO THE SECRETARY ALONG THE LINES YOU REQUESTED REGARDING RIA'S FUEL SUPPLY PROBLEM.

C. ED ANDERSON HAS TAKEN OVER AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF AID AND I MET WITH HIM TODAY TO DISCUSS IN BROAD TERMS YOUR POLICY WITH REGARD TO AID. WE DISCUSSED AS WELL THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

D. DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BAKER INVITED ME TO A MEETING EARLY THIS WEEK IN WHICH HE COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT THE RECEPTION HE HAD RECEIVED

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IN LATE MAY IN AID/W. THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY AID/ MONROVIA TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH BUT BAKER SAID WHAT HE GOT WAS A LECTURE ON HOW LITTLE AID HAD TO SHOW FOR THE 10 TO 15 YEARS IT HAS HAD AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN LIBERIA. I THINK WE SMOOTHED HIS FEATHERS BUT I HAVE WRITTEN GOLER BUTCHER ABOUT THIS WITH AN INFO COPY TO YOU AS AN ADD-ON TO YOUR

MAY 31 LETTER.

E. ON JUNE 8, FOUR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FORCE FOR THE ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION, INCLUDING ISABEL KARNGA, WERE FIRED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT. KARNGA WAS CHARGED WITH CONTINUOUS CONFLICT WITH HER SUBORDINATES AND WITH MIS-LEADING THE PRESIDENT. ONE REPORT IS THAT SAMUEL COLE, LAWYER AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE FORCE.

F. LAST WEEK WE HAD ANOTHER DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE WITH PANAM WHEN TEN U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL WERE BUMPED. WE HAVE GONE INTO THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING A 90-DAY EXCEPTION DURING THE SUMMER PERIOD TO THE FLY AMERICAN REGULATION. THE BUREAU IN AN INTERIM, BUT SUPPORTIVE, REPLY INDICATES IT IS LOOKING INTO THE MATTER.

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